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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JULY 25, 2001

APPLICATION OF

VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.

f/k/a BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC. CASE NO. PUC000204

and

VERIZON SOUTH INC.

f/k/a GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED

To expand local calling
between various exchanges

ORDER AUTHORIZING IMPLEMENTATION OF REMAINING
THIRD PHASE EXPANDED LOCAL CALLING

Pursuant to the Third Order Prescribing Notice and
Authorization To Implement Expanded Local Calling In Part
("Third Order") issued February 23, 2001, by the State
Corporation Commission ("Commission"), Verizon South Inc.
("Verizon South") mailed notice to each of its customers served
in the Bluefield, Dwight, Oakwood, Pocahontas, Rocky Gap,
Allwood, Amherst, Appomattox, Gladstone, Pamplin, Chancellor,
King George, Grundy, Richlands, and Tazewell exchanges.¹ The
notice separately addressed the expanded local calling for each
of the above-named exchanges and detailed the basic monthly rate

¹ Proof of the notice mailed to Verizon South's customers served in these
exchanges was filed on April 10, 2001.

increases proposed for the third phase of Verizon South's expanded local calling plan ("ELCP").²

The Commission received almost 70 comments from customers regarding the third phase of Verizon South's ELCP.

Pursuant to the Commission's Order Granting Leave To File Staff Report and Response, the Staff of the Commission filed its Report on July 9, 2001, and Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia") and Verizon South ("Joint Applicants" or "Companies") filed their Reply Comments on July 13, 2001.

The Staff does not object to the proposed implementation by Verizon South of the ELCP routes and makes the following recommendations in its report:

1. Verizon South and Verizon Virginia should be required to provide additional information by separate notice to customers in all impacted exchanges prior to implementing of ELCP regarding (a) the availability and rates for low cost and other alternative local calling options; and (b) identification of the customer's new local calling area and an **accurate** listing of ELCP prefixes.
2. Verizon South should add the Orange exchange as an unlimited calling exchange to the Community Plus Plan in its Optional LCP available in the Chancellor exchange at the same time it implements the Chancellor routes in phase three of its ELCP.

² Only customers in exchanges that would be billed in a higher rate group upon implementation of the third phase of the ELCP were required to receive notice.

3. Verizon South should consider proposing adding the Orange exchange to the local calling area for the Chancellor exchange in the next phase of the ELCP.

The Joint Applicant's Reply Comments make only one suggestion regarding the Staff's recommendations. The Companies' request that only Verizon South be required to provide customer notification prior to implementation as Verizon Virginia's exchanges involved in the third phase of the ELCP do not involve rate increases and have already been approved for implementation in a previous Commission Order.

The Commission finds that the recommendations of Staff should be adopted, however, modified to reflect the removal of the reference to Verizon Virginia and that Verizon South should be authorized to complete its proposed implementation of the remainder of phase three of its ELCP. No hearing will be convened on phase three of Verizon South's ELCP.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Verizon South shall implement the remaining third phase of its ELCP for all routes originating from Bluefield, Dwight, Oakwood, Pocahontas, Rocky Gap, Allwood, Amherst, Appomattox, Gladstone, Pamplin, Chancellor, King George, Grundy, Richlands, and Tazewell exchanges, consistent with the Staff's recommendations as modified by the findings above.

(2) This case is continued generally.